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April 14, 2008

Clark County Auditor and Recorder
c/o Carol Hoopes
Clark County Courthouse
Dubois, ID 83423

RE: Water District No. #31, 32-C, 32-D

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed please find copies of the Adopted Budget and Minutes of Water District #31, 32-C, 32-D. They have been read and approved by this office.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please feel free to contact this office.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Dunn
Senior Water Right Agent

Enclosure

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Laurie Small
P.O. Box 65
Dubois, ID 83423

RE: Water District No. 31, 32-C, 32-D

Dear Laurie:

We acknowledge receipt of the Minutes of the Annual Watermaster's Election Meetings held in your districts. The Watermaster Certificates will be sent under separate cover.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Dennis Dunn
Senior Water Right Agent

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**Dallas Furness
Chairman**

**Greg Shenton
Watermaster**

**Laurie Small
Secretary**

**WATER DISTRICT #31
Dubois, Idaho**

CLARK AND JEFFERSON COUNTIES, IDAHO

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF MARCH 12, 2008

The water users of Water District No. 31 met in the Clark County Annex Building, Dubois, Idaho, on Wednesday, March 12, 2008, at 1:00 p.m., as provided by Idaho Statutes, for the purpose of electing a chairman and secretary, electing a watermaster, adopting the 2008 budget, and any other business that may come before the District.

Those in attendance were: Dallas Furness, Chairman; Jim Hagenbarth, George Perschon, Renee Perschon, Roy Yearsley, Don Parker, Steve Harrison, Quinn Jacobson, Rob Larranga, Bill Frederiksen, Gerald Messerli, Ryan Madsen (IDWR), Keith Shuldberg, Greg Shenton, Watermaster; Brett Murdock, Deputy Watermaster; and Laurie Small, Secretary.

The meeting was called to order by Dallas Furness, Chairman at 1:00 p.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Dallas Furness, entertained a motion to adopt the proposed agenda. Keith Shuldberg, moved that the proposed agenda be adopted as the order of business for this meeting. The motion was seconded by Gerald Messerli. Motion passed.

1. Adoption of Agenda
2. Nomination and Election of Chairman and Secretary
3. Reading of minutes of previous meeting
4. Appointment of Credential Committee
5. Report of Credentials Committee
6. Roll Call
7. Report of Watermaster & approval
8. Fix the compensation of Watermaster & deputy & Adoption of Budget
9. Election of Watermaster & Deputy
10. Appointment of Advisory Board
11. Adoption of Resolutions
12. IDWR Report
13. Set time and date for next years annual meeting
14. Other business
15. Adjournment

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Eastern Region

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND SECRETARY

Chairman Furness asks for nomination from the floor for Chairman and Secretary. Don Parker nominated Dallas Furness as Chairman, and Laurie Small as Secretary. Jim Hagenbarth moved nominations cease. Bill Frederiksen, seconded the motion. They we're both elected by unanimous vote.

MINUTES

Minutes were passed out to all those in attendance. Deputy Watermaster Brett Murdock read the minutes. Chairman Furness asked if there were any corrections to the minutes. Keith Shuldberg pointed out a typing error on pg. 3. 2007 average use in the Mud Lake area should have been 2.55 and not 2.89 A.F. per acre. No other corrections were needed so Chairman Furness asked for a motion to accept minutes as read with correction made. Keith Shuldberg, made a motion to accept the minutes with corrections made. Rob Larranaga, seconded the motion. Motion passed.

APPOINTMENT OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Keith Shuldberg, moved and Gerald Messerli, seconded the motion to dispense with agenda items No. 4-6 and go directly to No. 7. The appointment of the credentials committee, the recess for the credentials committee, and its report would be dispensed with. Motion passed.

REPORT OF WATERMASTER

Watermaster Greg Shenton distributed the 2007 Watermaster's Report and time was allowed for review. Greg Shenton discussed many of the items in the report as follows.

2007 WATER YEAR

The 2007 water delivery was at 109,561 A.F. for the water district. A total of 15,917 A.F. of water was delivered in Clark County, and 93,644 A.F. of water was delivered in Jefferson County. The 2006 water delivery was at 117,122 A.F. for the water district. A total of 27,467 A.F. of water was delivered in Clark County, and 89,655 A.F. of water was delivered in Jefferson County. The 2007 water delivery was down 7,561 A.F. from that which was delivered in the 2006 water season.

Stream Flows

Stream flows in the Kilgore area were down from last year. Irrigation water was available at the beginning of the year. Beaver Creek ran to Dubois for the months of April, May and half of June.

Camas Creek flowed to the Refuge until July 4th in 2004, July 14th in 2005, August 8th in 2006, and until the 21st of June this year.

WELL FLOWS

From improvements in the wells, the well fields were able to keep up with the demand for water. Independent water users started pumping on the 23rd of March and the Mud Lake Water Users started pumping on the 1st of April.

CLEANING OF CAMAS CREEK

Last fall a section of camas Creek above Ray's Lake (about 1.5 miles) was cleaned. The Mud Lake water Users' dozer was used. Materials were feathered into the existing banks and the bottom of the channel was leveled.

MARCH 1 - WINTER FLOW

Independent Ditch winter flow was 0 cfs compared to 0 cfs last year. Bybee Well winter flow was 0 cfs compared to 0 cfs last year. Total for 2007 was 0 cfs compared to last year's total, which was 0 cfs.

MUD LAKE CONTENT

Greg reported on the water levels in Mud Lake for March 1, 2008, which was 8,790 A.F. May 1, 2007, which was 39,900 A.F. and November 1, 2007, which was 13,100 A.F.

CAMAS CREEK INFLOW INTO MUD LAKE

For 2005 the inflow was 16,536 A.F. The 2006 inflow was 33,210 A.F.

2006 WATER USE OF MAJOR CANAL COMPANIES

Mud Lake Water Users used a total of 57,180 A.F., applying 3.01 A.F. per acre, while the Independent Water Users used 9,093 A.F., applying 2.53 A.F. per acre. 2007 average use in the Mud Lake area 2.94 A.F. per acre.

SNOW REPORT - MARCH 1, 2008

The Camp Creek-Beaver Creek measurements show a snow depth of 41" with water content at 10.4 compared to Kilgore-Camas Creek measured show a snow depth of 41" with water content at 12.2. The Camp Creek snow course is at 127% of normal, the Kilgore course is 121% of normal, the Crab Creek course is at 101%, and the Lake View Ridge is at 8108% of normal. The average of all 4 sites is 114% of normal.

Don Parker, made a motion that the Watermaster's report be accepted and Keith Shuldberg seconded the motion. Motion passed.

2007 BUDGET REVIEW AND 2008 BUDGET PROPOSAL

Greg Shenton reviewed the 2007 budget and actual expenses, explaining some of the expenditures. Greg also went over the 2008 Budget Proposal and pointed out the increases in the Deputy Salary and mileage expenses. The Federal Agencies was down \$7,720.59. Part of the \$7,000.00 increase from the previous year was used to pay Workers Compensation.

ADOPTION OF BUDGET

Keith Shuldberg, made the motion that both the Watermaster and Deputy Watermaster receive the same increase in wages. Don Parker seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Don Parker, made a motion to adopt the proposed 2008 Budget as presented with change of salaries for the Watermaster & Deputy Watermaster. Jim Hagenbarth, seconded that motion. Motion passed.

	2008 Proposed Budget		2008 Adopted Budget
Misc. Expenses	\$38,500.00		\$38,500.00
Channel & Legal	1,000.00		1,000.00
Secretary	\$450.00		\$450.00
Office Rent	2,000.00		2,000.00
TOTAL	42,000.00		42,000.00
Watermaster Salary	30,000.00		31,500.00
Deputy Salary	23,500.00		23,500.00
TOTAL	53,500.00		55,000.00
Watermaster Mileage	14,500.00		14,500.00
Deputy Mileage	12,000.00		12,000.00
2008 Budget	122,000.00		123,500.00
Less Carry Over	20,000.00		20,000.00
Less Federal Agencies	3,785.10		3,785.10
Proposed Budget	98,214.90	Adopted Budget	99,714.90

ELECTION OF WATERMASTER AND DEPUTY WATERMASTER

The Chairman called for nominations from the floor for Watermaster. Gerald Messerli, nominated Greg Shenton as Watermaster. Don Parker, moved nominations cease. Keith Shuldberg, seconded the motion. The motion passed, electing Greg by unanimous vote.

APPOINTMENT OF ADVISORY BOARD

The Chairman re-appointed the following to the Advisory Board: Dallas Furness as Chairman, Jim Hagenbarth, Valeria Maxwell, Andy Dobson, Keith Shuldberg, and Gerald Messerli as members. He appointed Bill Frederiksen to the board as a new member. Jim made the motion to accept the Advisory Board with addition made. Don Parker seconded the motion. Motion passed.

RESOLUTIONS

High Water at Mud Lake

Be it hereby resolved, that the Watermaster be authorized to determine when diversion is needed and to divert any high water. That such water be considered stored in the aquifer, with rights to the water being retained by the district. Diversion of said waters would be by diverting at the Lone Tree Diversion, and pumping through the diversion canal at the Mud Lake Water Users.

Collection of Water Assessments

Be it hereby resolved, that no ditch, canal co., or other water user shall have the right to demand and receive water, and the watermaster shall not deliver such water, until full payment is made. Said payment becomes due April 1, and becomes delinquent April 15, and if not paid by April 15, shall bear interest from the date of April 1, until paid at the rate of 8% per annum.

Be it further resolved that government agencies be exempt from the above provisions to the extent necessary for them to comply with payments according to the provisions of Federal law, and that the Watermaster of District 31, be authorized to enter into contract with said agencies of the United States for payment of assessment as provided in the budget.

Mud Lake Water Users

Be it hereby resolved, that any water user that completes the water year with a negative balance on the Mud Lake balance sheet shall have that negative balance carried forward to the April draft column on the balance sheet of the following year, and said negative balance shall be charged to the Mud Lake allotment of said following year, as set forth in part 5, paragraph 4 of the Mud Lake Decree.

District Billings and Collections

Be it hereby resolved, that the Clark County Auditor make up a roll of all Water District 31 users to include all Jefferson County users. Be it further resolved that the Clark County Treasurer mail out said billings and make collections of all Water District 31 Water Users to include all Jefferson County Water Users in said Water District 31 boundaries.

Be it further resolved that the Clark County Treasurer also make all payments and disbursements owed by Water District 31, which are presented through the proper claims procedures which are common to other Clark County practices.

ADOPT RESOLUTIONS

The Chairman asks for a motion to adopt resolutions. Don Parker, made a motion that the resolutions be adopted. Gerald Messerli seconded the motion. Motion passed.

IDWR REPORT

Ryan Madsen gave the IDWR report and answered questions. Don Parker reported updates on the recharge for the area.

MEETING TIME

Keith Shuldberg, made the motion to have the next meeting on March 11th, 2009 at 1:00 p.m., at the Clark County Annex Building in Dubois, Idaho. Gerald Messerli seconded the motion. Motion passed.

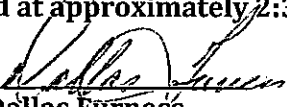
OTHER BUSINESS

There was a brief discussion on the Beaver Fund. The fund is in the negative approximately \$440.00. Letters are mailed out to water users to give them the opportunity to contribute to this fund. It requires approximately \$500.00 - \$600.00 dollars a year to keep the beaver obstructions from interfering with the water flow. Those in attendance did feel this was an important fund to continue to donate to. This is kept separate from the budget.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Furness asked if there was any further business; having no further business, he called the meeting adjourn. Don Parker moved to adjourn. Meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:30 p.m.

ATTEST:


Dallas Furness
Chairman


Laurie Small
Secretary